

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph [0051] on page 16 has been amended as follows:

[0051] As shown in Fig. 8, which is a cross sectional view of structure shown in Fig. 7 at the B-B' axis, once the top electrodes (155) have been placed, a top support layer (160) may be disposed over the top electrodes ~~9155)~~ (155) and the nanopore formation layer (130).